

## BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

March 10, 2016

The meeting of the Middlesex Board of Health was held on the above date in the Municipal Building and called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the Board President with the following statement:

“This meeting is being held in compliance with the Open Public Meeting Law in that all the requirements of the Law have been met by the Sunshine Law Meeting Notice forwarded to the Courier News posted on the website and in the Municipal Building on December 11, 2015

### **Roll Call**

Amy Bigge	Absent	
Amy Burke		
Charles Corcoran		
Melissa Fedosh	Absent	
Thomas Harrity		
Ceil Slauson		
Peyton Yanchurak	Absent	
Others in Attendance:	Sean Kaplan, Liaison	Absent
	Terry Brundage, SREHS	

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### **Minutes**

Board Member Charles Corcoran made a motion to accept the February 11, 2016 meeting minutes, seconded by Board Member Burke and carried by the following roll call vote. Ayes: Burke, Corcoran, Slauson. No: None. Abstain: None.

President Harrity noted that in the minutes he was going to talk with the Borough Attorney regarding Board member Corcoran's motion to have the two smoking ordinances come under the Board of Health and if this would be a conflict with the ordinances that are already adopted by the Governing Body. President Harrity stated that he didn't speak with the Borough Attorney yet. Board member Corcoran asked that the Board President ask which would take precedent the Board or the Governing Body's ordinance. It was also questioned if it is a conflict of interest having the same attorney cover both the Board of Health and the Governing Body.

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**Executive Session:** None

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**Presentation** - None

**Reports**

- A. Board of Health Activities Report – SREHS, Terry Brundage presented the Activities Report for February, 2016 and noted that the Food Handler's course is on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 from 1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Board Member Corcoran made a motion to accept the Activities Report seconded by Board Member Bigge and carried by the following roll call vote. Ayes: Burke, Corcoran, Slauson. No: None. Abstain: None.
- B. Monthly Activities Environmental Report – The Report was not provided to the Board tonight. President Harrity once again noted his disappointment with the County by not providing either the Month Activities Environmental Report or the Environmental Report from Les Jones. Mayor DiMura reached out last month to the County and we did get the reports.

Board member Slauson stated that the data that was provided last month from American Water are the results from two years ago. We will get a new report this year but it will be for last year. American Water reported that they only test once a year and the results may vary for seasonal variations.

Inspector Brundage reported that on February 29<sup>th</sup> a dog was quarantined for 10 days due to a bite. Discussion ensued regarding the licensing of dogs and cats (pets). Board member Slauson will put together a flyer that could be sent to the residents regarding licensing their pets and get it back to the Board by the next meeting for review. If possible it was suggested we can add the flyer to the tax bill which usually comes out in August.

Board member Burke suggested that at some time in the future she would like to see the Borough have an Animal Welfare Commission of which she would like to be part of. She spoke with the people from Sustainable Jersey and the Borough would get points for having this commission which could lead to grants for the Borough. It also would help educate people regarding pet ownership.

- C. Registrar's Report - Board Secretary presented the Registrar's Report for February, 2016. Board Member Slauson made a motion to accept the Registrar's Report seconded by Board Member Corcoran and carried by the following roll call vote. Ayes: Burke, Corcoran, Slauson. No: None. Abstain: None.
- D. Board of Health Licensing Report – Board Secretary presented the Board of Health Licensing Report for February, 2016. Board Member Corcoran

made a motion to accept the Board of Health Licensing Report seconded by Board Member Burke and carried by the following roll call vote. Ayes: Burke, Corcoran, Slauson. No: None. Abstain: None.

E. Environmental Report from Les Jones – None.

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Bill List – Resolution to Acknowledge All Claims - None

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### **Correspondence -** None

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### **Unfinished Business**

- A. Banning tobacco sales to individuals under 21 – Council President Kaplan was not in attendance at tonight's meeting to report back to the Board the talking points he presented to the Governing Body earlier this week. President Harrity gave a brief update stating that the Governing Body wants the Board to reach out to the school community to develop a strategy regarding smoking. Board member Burke has alerted President Harrity that the schools are already mandated by the State to have it in their curriculum. President Harrity reached out to the county to see what was available to bring into our schools and found four organizations that would be willing to co-ordinate with the schools. President Harrity did state that we have to interact with the schools to incorporate any of these programs as we can't impose it on them.

Board member Slauson suggested we first contact the schools to see if they are willing to add programs regarding smoking. She suggested (1) first identify what they are already teaching, and (2) what grade does it start and what the target age group is. President Harrity will reach out to Dr. Madison.

- B. No smoking in Middlesex Borough Parks & Recreational Areas – The Governing Body reviewed our request and asked if the Board would reconsider having a designated area for smoking. After much discussion there was a consensus of the Board to continue with having no smoking in any areas of the park which would be consistent with their goals in educating kids not to smoke. Having a designated area would also allow kids to smoke there as well.
- C. Community Outreach Committee - President Harrity noted that as part of the Community Outreach request Board members Slauson and Burke will be

working on the flyer regarding the importance of licensing their pets.

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## **New Business - None**

### **Addendum**

- A. President Harrity stated that the Governing Body approved Resolution #37-16 which is the approval of junkyard licenses earlier this year and was surprised that part of passing this resolution is that the Board of Health needed to approve it. Inspector Brundage told the Board that the Clerk's office notifies him and he goes out to inspect as well as the County Environmental Dept. The County goes out once a month. There are three facilities and each has different permits on what they are allowed to do. President Harrity asked that in the future Inspector Brundage include this inspection on his monthly report.
- B. With concern over the Zika Virus, Board member Corcoran asked that we address the Governing Body on water that ponds on borough property. Pools on foreclosed properties are also an issue. Right now Inspector Brundage gives known owners 10 days to address the issue. Mosquito Commission can come out and treat the pools but it can take a few weeks.

Board member Slauson wants to know how many foreclosed properties have pools because we really should know the magnitude of the problem. This will affect how we proceed to address any issue and that is something that can be done at this time.

President Harrity suggested the Board come up with an ordinance to go on foreclosed properties and treat abandon pools.

President Harrity also asked that Inspector Brundage bring back any Zika information from the seminar he will be attending.

- C. Board member Corcoran asked if there were any changes in the population of the cat colonies. Board member Burke stated that there are still three colonies and they are shrinking. The one behind the Church by the municipal building is losing a couple of cats a year.

### **.Website**

- A. The Calendar of Events was posted for the month of March.
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## **Public Portion**

President Harrity opened the meeting to the public for anybody wishing to speak. Seeing that there were no public comments, President Harrity closed the public portion of the meeting.

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Board Member Corcoran moved for adjournment seconded by Board Member Burke and carried by a unanimous vote of members present.

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Kathleen Anello  
Board Secretary